

## ADDICTION MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FACULTY

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**Michel Sucher, MD, DFASAM**  
**Program Director**

Dr. Sucher was educated at Wayne State University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1968 and a Medical Degree in 1972. Dr. Sucher's internship was at Sinai Hospital of Detroit in Detroit, Michigan and he underwent residency training at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. From 1974 through 1994 Dr. Sucher practiced emergency medicine and served as emergency department director at two Honor Health facilities in Scottsdale (Osborn and Shea). He served as President of the Medical Staff of Scottsdale Healthcare (now Honor Health)

Osborn during 1994.

He practices addiction medicine and served as the medical director of the physician health program/professional health programs for the Arizona Medical Board and the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners from 1992 until November, 2019 when he transferred those programs to Community Bridges, Inc. He was also President of the California Physicians Health Program from its founding in 2008 until May 2020. He has served as the President of the Nevada Professional Assistance Program since August 2017. Additionally, he serves a consultant in addiction medicine to most other healthcare regulatory agencies and boards in Arizona.

He has served as the Acting Medical Director of the Division of Behavioral Health at the Department of Health Services, State of Arizona (2005-2006). Additionally, he served as the Acting Medical Director of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services at the Department of Health Services, State of Arizona (2002-2004).

He served as the Chief Medical Officer for Community Bridges Inc. which is a community-based substance abuse and mental health treatment program in the greater Phoenix area and throughout the state of Arizona from 2002 until April 2020. He was appointed to the CBI Board of Directors in April 2020 upon his retirement as CMO. He was also appointed as a member of Board of Directors of the Community Bridges Foundation in 2020.

He also served as the medical director for Community Medical Services from 2011-2016, which is the largest opioid treatment program in Arizona and has OTP programs in 10 other states. He remains as a medical advisor to the CEO and an attending addiction medicine physician for Community Medical Services in their Arizona facilities.

Presently, as a consultant to Community Bridges, Inc. he serves as senior medical director of the CBI Professional Medical Monitoring Program and as Program Director of the CBI/Honor Health Addiction

Medicine Fellowship. Dr. Sucher directed the formation of the first Addiction Medicine Fellowship program in Arizona in 2018 as a collaboration between CBI and Honor Health.

As of May 2019, he became the Executive Medical Director of Meadows Behavioral Healthcare which is a nationally known treatment facility network for substance use disorders, sexual compulsivity, trauma and eating disorders. In that role he also is the Clinical Architect of the Meadows Malibu Health Professionals Treatment Program. Meadows Malibu is a wholly owned Meadows Behavioral Healthcare facility in Malibu, California.

In 2021 He became a Medical Advisor to Grace Sober Living Homes in Phoenix, AZ. In 2022 he was appointed as a member of the Board of Governors of Via Linda Behavioral Health Hospital. VLBHH is a joint venture between Honor Health and Universal Health Services.

Dr. Sucher is a member of the medical staffs of Honor Health Osborn, Shea and Thompson Peak Hospitals as well as Banner Behavioral Health Hospital all in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is the medical director of physician health for Honor Health and the consultant for physician health for the Banner Health system.

He holds teaching positions throughout the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. These include Midwestern University, AT Still University and the University of Arizona Medical Schools.

Dr. Sucher is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. He was granted Diplomate Status by the American Board of Addiction Medicine in 2009. He is also certified as a Medical Review Officer by ASAM. Additionally, he is a Past President of the Arizona Society of Addiction Medicine. He is a nationally known speaker on addiction medicine and professional health issues.



**Annette Lusko, DO**  
**Associate Program Director**

Dr. Lusko earned her B.S. in Biomedical Science from Midwestern University and completed her medical degree at Midwestern University AZCOM. She went on to complete her Family Medicine Residency at Mountain Vista Medical Center and is board certified in Family Medicine. Following residency, she served as an attending physician in a family medicine residency program. Throughout her work in primary care, Dr. Lusko developed a strong commitment to integrated, whole-person care.

Dr. Lusko recognized that primary care, addiction medicine, and mental health are deeply connected and that successful treatment requires a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach. While practicing at a Federally Qualified Health Center in Apache Junction, Arizona, she launched the first grant-funded Medication Assisted Treatment Program within that setting and helped develop a collaborative care model that combined mental health and primary care services.

Dr. Lusko currently serves as Chief Medical Officer at Community Bridges, where she continues to practice both primary care and addiction medicine in inpatient and outpatient settings. She is also the Associate Program Director for Arizona's first Addiction Medicine Fellowship through HonorHealth and Community Bridges. As core faculty, she is dedicated to training future providers in an integrated model of care that advances the treatment of addiction, mental health, and primary care.



## PROGRAM COORDINATOR

### **Carol Babineaux**

Carol has been a program coordinator for the HonorHealth Addiction Medicine Fellowship since 2018. Carol has been with Community Bridges, Inc. since 2016, serving as an Executive Assistant as well as program coordinator. In her spare time, Carol enjoys reading and writing and has published two fiction novels. Carol also likes to cook and bake, loves spending time with her family, and has been an avid practitioner of yoga for over a decade.